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## **BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

**Sacramento, CA**

**June 8, 2011**

### **BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stan Dixon, Chairman  
Pam Giacomini  
Jim Ostrowski  
Bruce Saito  
Gary Nakamura  
Mark Andre

### **BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:**

### **BOARD STAFF:**

George Gentry, Executive Officer  
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing  
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator  
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

#### *The Board's Mission:*

*To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dixon called the June 8, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

## **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deferred

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

No Report

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Ken Pimlott**

- Anticipating draft budget will be agreed upon by the Governor and Legislature, July 1.
- Workforce cap reduction of 26 million. The department is meeting that reduction by delaying staffing. The department has delayed the operation of large airtankers from June 15 to July 1 for additional savings. Due to mild weather conditions the department has been able to delay the opening of fire stations. Anticipate all stations to be open by the first or second week of July.
- The department was not able to retain the forth firefighter due budget cuts.
- There has been an increase in fires in Southern California, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties.
- 276 fires ahead of last year at the same time, acreage is about the same.
- Unit Chief positions have been filled statewide.
- Two new cooperative agreements, one with the city of Selma, Fresno County and the town of Paradise, Butte County.
- Continuing process on the THP backlog, 40 out of 50 have been processed.
- SoCal advisory committee member seats have been filled.
- The department is engaged with forest federal partners regarding CFMA agreement. The agreement is up for revision in 2013.
- Concerned with how the Governor's decision to release low risk offenders will affect the inmate hand crews. The department is in discussion with various stakeholders to come up with a process which will give access to the support needed. Also looking at pilot programs with Conservation Corps at Ventura Camp to staff two fire crews.
- Working with CFA and Sierra Pacific on the Civil Cost Recovery Program.

## **Report of the US Forest Service. Jeanne Wade Evans, Deputy Regional Forester, Region 5**

## **REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR-CHRIS ZIMNY**

No Report.

Chairman Dixon, announced that Chris Zimny has accepted a new position with Cal Fire, and commended him on a job well done while serving as the Regulations Coordinator.

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

No Report

## **Forest Practice – Mark Andre**

Notice of Rulemaking for Aspen and Meadow Restoration

- 06-08-01      Member Andre moved to put out a 45 day Notice of Rulemaking for Aspen and Meadow Restoration. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

## **Policy - Jim Ostrowski**

Significant New Information

**06-08-02**      **Member Ostrowski moved to put out a 45 day Notice of Rulemaking for Significant New Information, with certain edits. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

## **Management – Gary Nakamura**

No Action Items

## **Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini**

**06-08-03**      **Member Giacomini moved to re-adopt current emergency regulation for Sudden Oak Death. Member Nakamura seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

## **REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Mark Stanley**

Refer to COMTF report in binder.

### **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC) Eric Huff**

No report

### **MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG) George Gentry**

No report

### **PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE – Eric Huff**

PFEC Meeting June 16, RPF exam results will be reviewed.

The following Registered Professional Foresters requested and meet the requirements for license **WITHDRAWAL** pursuant to 14 CCR §1608(a):

BRIAN BISHOP	RPF 2889	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
RICHARD COX	RPF 557	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
NORMAN DELWICHE	RPF 361	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
PETER FINNIE	RPF 1925	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
RICHARD FITZGERALD	RPF 2791	07/01/2011 - 09/01/2014
LEO HESSION	RPF 1919	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
DAWNNE HIRT	RPF 2739	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
MARVIN HOLDEN	RPF 1141	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016
DAVID MCCRORY	RPF 783	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
RON MCGREGOR	RPF 2493	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
KEVIN ONEIL	RPF 2295	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016
WENDELL REEVES	RPF 877	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
STEVE SAYERS	RPF 1695	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
MICHAEL STROUD	RPF 1501	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
MICHAEL WARREN	RPF 2373	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015
DUANE WELLS	RPF 567	07/01/2011 - 06/30/2015

The following Registered Professional Foresters indicated a desire to **VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH**

his/her license to practice forestry due to retirement:

FRANK SCHMIDT

RPF 107

**The Office of Professional Foresters Registration notes the RECENT PASSING of the following Registered Professional Foresters:**

WILLIAM BEATY

RPF 584

DAVID RANEY

RPF 1169

ROBERT STEPHENS

RPF 153

There are currently 1241 Valid RPF's and 77 Valid CRM's

**06-08-04      Member Ostrowski moved to accept RPF license withdrawals. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**Demonstration of the Forest Practice Watershed Mapper. Suzanne Lang, CAL FIRE GIS Coordinator**

Richard Gienger commended the work done on this project.

**Presentation on riparian fire history, stand structure and fuel loads. Kip Van de Water, Graduate Student Researcher, Ecology Graduate Group, UC Davis**

See Board Binder for report

**Hearing: Modified Timber Harvesting Plan for Fuel Hazard Reduction, 2011 – Chris Zimny**

§ 1051.3 Modified THP for Fuel Hazard Reduction.

§ 1051.4 Modified THP for Fuel Hazard Reduction Conditions and Mitigations.

§ 1051.5 Contents of Modified THP for Fuel Hazard Reduction.

§ 1051.6 Review of Modified THP for Project Area Fuel Hazard Reduction.

§ 1051.7 Evaluation of Regulations.

The Board is providing notice of changes made to the proposed regulations initially noticed on February 25, 2011, affecting the above listed regulatory sections. The amendments to the originally noticed regulation are made to the following subsections:

1051.4 (a) (1); 1051.4 (a) (4); 1051.4 (a) (5), (6), (8), (9) (A); 1051.4 (a) (10); 1051.4 (a) (11); 1051.4 (a) (11)(B); 1051.4 (a)(11)(B)(1)-(3); 1051.4 (a) (11) (B) (4); 1051.5; 1051.5 (d); 1051.5 (e), (e) (1), and (e) (3); 1051.5 (e) (3) (A); 1051.5 (e) (4)

**Public Comment**

**Richard Gienger:** Has concerns regarding operations in class II's, cumulative impacts to late seral. 2,500 acres is too large. Provide basic information for those reviewing a MTHP, he suggested a map that lists conditions should be a part of the rule package. Additionally a map listing cumulative effects that show what the land owner's plans are for the type of harvest plan in the future. Basic requirement that would enable comprehension of the project plan and conditions of the water plan scale. It would be a good idea to have insurance's of some proportion or range types of projects undertaken to zero in on examples of implementation. 15 day notice there's a reference on 11 line 16, the joint policy on hardwoods, salmonids should be referenced also.

**Addie Jacobson:** Stated that they are not asking for an exhaustive, cumulative impacts analysis but when there's harvesting on private land which the public can't access to see the details, it's important to have something to look at. The watershed mapper demonstrated by Suzanne Lang are things we've been asking for and it's nice to see it coming to pass. She is pleased to see the language has been tightened up, in particular with the preparatory language and the word "shall". There were concerns regarding the language, 2% reserve of every 20 acres, the edits make it a more practical approach.

**06-08-05**      **Member Nakamura moved to close public hearing. Member Giacomini seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.**

**06-08-06**      **Member Nakamura moved to adopt the Modified Timber Harvesting Plan for Fuel Hazard Reduction, 2011. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion.**

**Chair Dixon called for a Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Giacomini</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ostrowski</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Saito</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Nakamura</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Andre</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Dixon</b>	<b>Aye</b>

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Richard Gienger: Public hearing for PTEIR, June 13, 5:30 PM at Mattole Grange. Usal Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Project, Independent Review of the Appraisal, June 1, 2011. Special meeting for the Usal Project will be held the first or second week of July. AB 380 past Assembly and is headed for Senate vote.

Eric Carlson: Commended Chris Zimny for the work he's done.

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the June 8, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry  
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon  
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.